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To: County Superintendents
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Subject: Update on the Status of the 2000-2001 Apportionments for Award Programs
Based on the Academic Performance Index (API)

The California Department of Education (CDE) is currently receiving many inquiries regarding delays in apportioning the money for the three API based award programs. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a status report on the apportionment for each program. Please note that once all the issues for each award are resolved, it will take the CDE and the State Controller's Office approximately one month to process the apportionments to school districts.

Governor's Performance Award (GPA)

The second and final apportionment of the GPA is on hold pending final action by the State Board of Education (SBE) regarding waivers of "adult testing irregularities." This issue could be resolved at the July 2001 SBE meeting.

This apportionment is also on hold pending legislative resolution of state budget issues regarding reimbursing school districts for the employers share of Medicare, Unemployment Insurance, and Workers Compensation benefit payments. This issue will be resolved when the 2001-2002 State Budget is signed.

Schoolsite Employee Performance Bonus (SSEPB)

The second and final apportionment of the SSEPB is on hold for the same reasons as the GPA.

Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Act (CSPIA) Award

The apportionment for this award cannot be made until the two issues identified for the GPA and SSEPB have been resolved, and a lawsuit regarding the award is finally concluded. On April 20, 2001 a Sacramento Superior Court judge upheld the CDE position regarding a specific regulation governing the CSPIA. However, that court has also determined that the plaintiffs have until July 23, 2001 to determine whether they will appeal the court's decision. The apportionment for this award cannot be made until after the plaintiffs make their determination.

Which Employees are Eligible to Receive the SSEPB and CSPIA Awards

The employing school district, not the CDE, has the responsibility to determine which individuals are eligible to receive these awards. The school district makes this determination based on general guidance provided to them by the CDE in a letter dated December 6, 2000.

If you would like further information regarding the API based award programs, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/psaa/awards>

or, by contacting Patrick Chladek, Manager of the Awards Unit, or his staff at (916) 657-3810.